



Property acquisitions would benefit resident fish and wildlife in Western Montana

What's happening?

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation to purchase a 10.5 acre plot of land called "Pearlshell." CSKT would hold fee title, or full ownership, of the property to permanently protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat. In exchange for BPA's funding of the fee title acquisition for these properties, CSKT would grant BPA a conservation easement to protect the plots' conservation values in perpetuity.

The CSKT would develop a management plan to guide the protection and enhancement of habitat and other resources on the property. BPA would review the management plan for consistency with the conservation easement and the purpose of the acquisition. If BPA proposes to fund any additional activities on the property, further environmental review may be required.

The property is located within the Flathead Subbasin of the Columbia River Basin. Vegetation consists of wetlands, riparian forests and upland grasslands, and supports a variety of resident native and non-native fish and wildlife. The property would be purchased to preserve habitat for westslope cutthroat trout and bull trout listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. It'll also provide habitat for grizzly bears listed as threatened under the ESA.

Where is this happening?

The "Pearlshell" property is located in Lake County, Montana, approximately four miles from the town of Arlee. See the included map for the precise locations.



This property would protect habitat for threatened species listed under the Endangered Species Act, like the bull trout. Photo credit: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

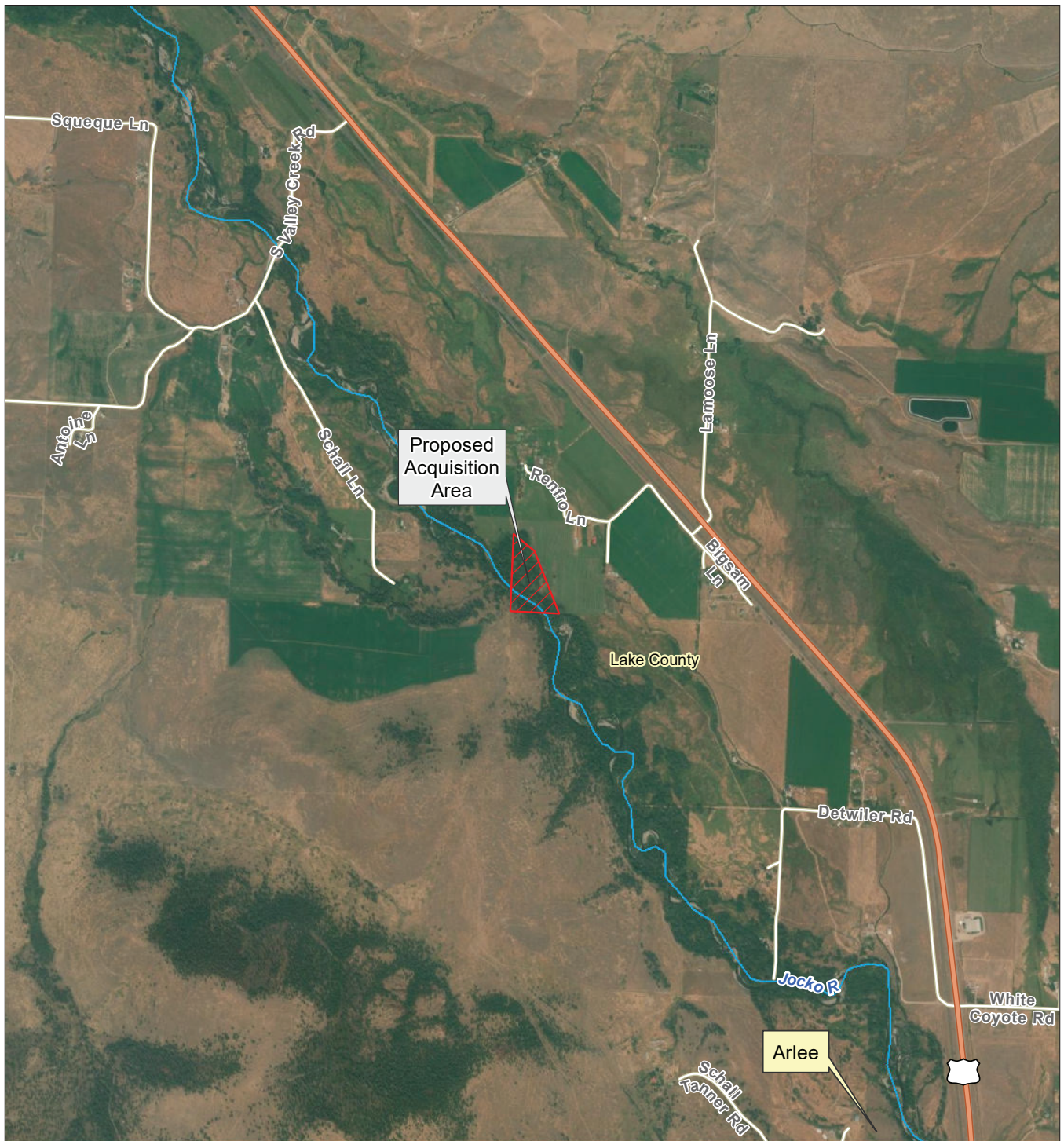
Why is this happening?

Funding the purchase of this property would serve as partial mitigation for the effects of the development and operation of the Hungry Horse Dam on fish and wildlife.

FOR MORE INFORMATION


If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please feel free to contact the project manager, Cecilia Brown, at 503-230-3462, or ckbrown@bpa.gov. You can also call Communications toll-free at 800-622-4519. Please refer to the "Pearlshell" project.





Pearlshell Land Acquisition

Lake County, MT (10.5 Acres)

 Proposed Acquisition Area

0 0.5 1 Miles



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